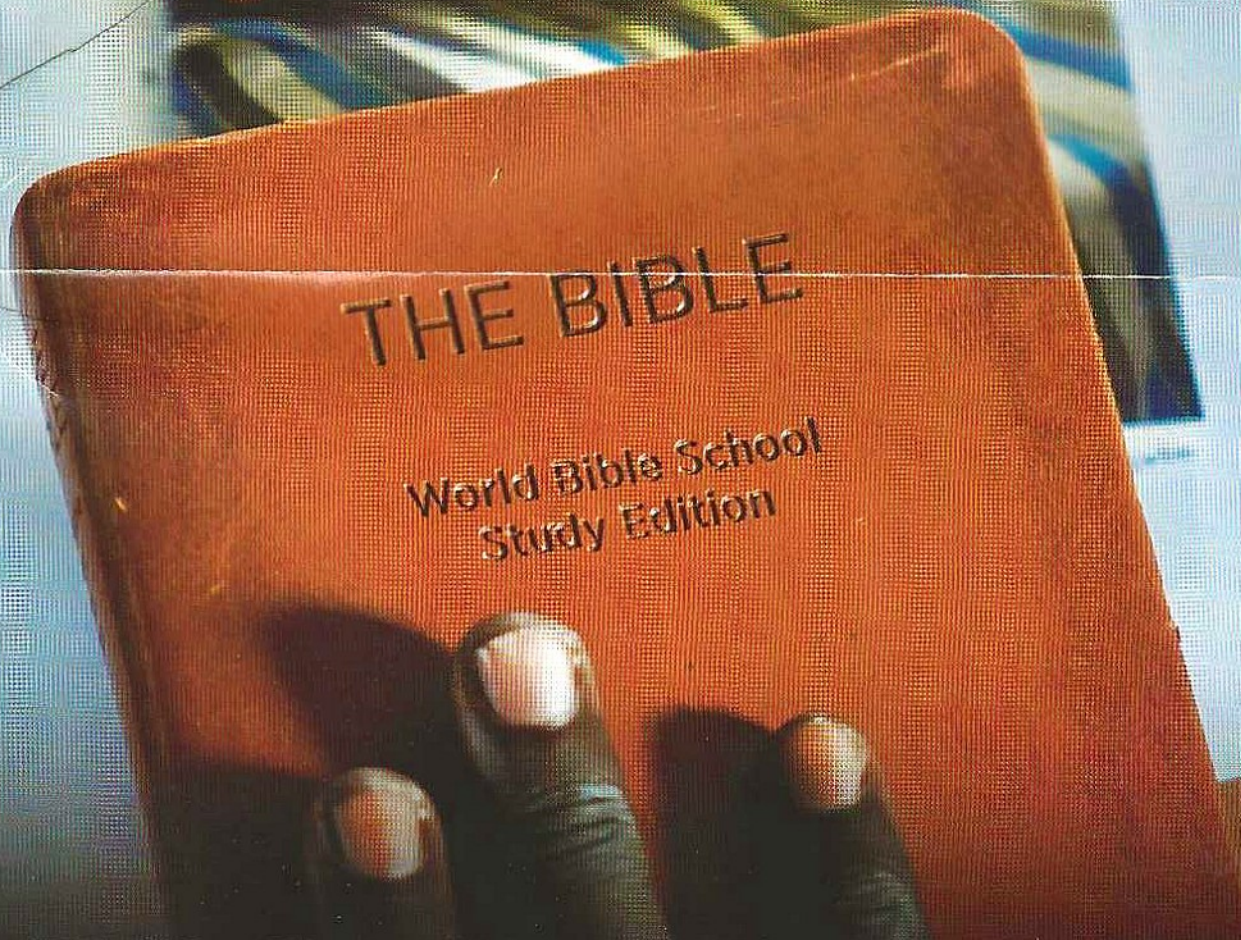




# ACTION!

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THE NATURE OF  
**DIVINE** *Communication*

# THE POWER OF *the Word*

BY BRIAN REX DAVIS | ACTION! EDITOR & WBS PRESIDENT



Many are amazed at the impact that World Bible School has had over the last half century. We estimate conservatively that some 40 million people have studied the Bible through WBS since its inception. The reality is that the power is in the Word of God to provide a living relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ. That relationship is available through faith, and faith comes by hearing the Word (Romans 10:17). Every word in the Bible matters. Every word is given by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Studying His Word is the starting point of faith coming to life and taking root in good soil. Jesus expounded on this truth in Mark 4:26-29.

*"The kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil and he goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts and grows — how, he himself does not know. "The soil produces crops by itself; first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head. "But when the crop permits, he immediately puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." NASU*

When the Gospel seed of Jesus Christ is faithfully sown in the hearts of mankind, an amazing power for kingdom growth is unleashed. Belief grows to repentance; repentance grows to confessing Jesus as Lord; and confessing Jesus grows to a new birth that happens when one is baptized for the forgiveness of one's sins! A new Christian is born. The seed of the Word has worked powerfully in our world! And God invites each of us to work alongside of Him as we share His Word with the world.

As ACTION! Magazine seeks to reconcile the lost and renew the saved in 2026, our theme this year will be "Unleashing the Power of Bible Study." This will be of particular help to each of our Study Helpers as you share Jesus with your WBS Students. We pray that this will encourage the churches of Christ around the world to be diligent in our Bible study so that we can experience a great harvest for the Lord. Whether in service to the reconciliation of the lost or the renewal of the Lord's church, we look forward to hearing your input to this year's ACTION!



*Brethren in India showing Brian their rice crops. The power of a seed!*



These young leaders in South Sudan want to say thank you for the WBS Study Bibles and WBS courses faithful donors sent them two years ago.



Whether by paper or digital studies with our WBS Light App, the light of the Gospel is changing lives!



Young South Sudanese evangelists crossing swamps to share the Gospel in the next village.

# ≡ Success Story ≡

## SOUTH SUDAN

Last September, Brian joined John Fewkes, director of Global Seed Sowers, in South Sudan in the town of Aweil. God's Word has been seeing a great harvest in this field. Sister ministries like Apologetics Press, Sunset International Bible Institute, World English Institute, Mission Printing and Global Seed Sowers have all been contributing to what God is doing in this young church-planting work of congregations in the Wichita Falls area of Texas.

Along with other courses, they taught one of the WBS Advanced Courses on "Understanding the Bible" to around 50 church leaders. At last report, this remote area has seen over 6,000 obey the Gospel in 2024 and 2025. One hundred and sixty seven young congregations have formed as young leaders now strive to teach their members! These evangelists make the rounds to the numerous village congregations. Knowing how to study the Bible is something we must never take for granted!

In the ACTION! Fall 2025 issue, WBS put the challenge before you to send 4,000 more WBS Study Edition Bibles to this area. The day after receiving ACTION! Magazine in the mail, a dear couple who are long-time friends of WBS called to say the check for the full \$25,000 need was in the mail! By week's end, another \$100,000 had been given to provide Bibles to WBS Students around the world! With these amazing end-of-the-year gifts, WBS will be able to help many Students who complete their courses have a Bible to call their own.

# GOD'S NATURE IN

## *Divine Communication*



**BY JOSH COOK**

WBS ADVANCEMENT REPRESENTATIVE

Our heavenly Father is the perfect parent. He perfectly loves, informs and holds each of us to account for our healthy maturation. In the beginning, the LORD made man in His own image, according to His own likeness, a man with whom the Divine Nature would commune. From then on, God spoke, and man understood.

Not one of the Old Testament Patriarchs failed to understand God's Word. Adam understood, and ignored it. Cain understood, and rejected it. Noah understood, and obeyed it. Abraham understood, and followed it. Note the similarities and differences.

Each understood God's Word. But in terms of attention, value, practice and lifestyle, they differ. The same is true for every generation after them. From Adam to Moses, God communicated predominantly to fathers or Patriarchs; then, to the Israelite nation, God spoke through judges and prophets. Since the first century A.D., God has communicated to "all men everywhere" (Acts 17:31). In this last age, the Hebrew writer tells us that God has spoken to us through His Son, Jesus, and the inspired writings preserved for us by the Holy Spirit in what we call "the Bible" (Hebrews 1:1, 2). These messages have been confirmed by signs, wonders and miracles (Hebrews 2:4). Even now they are preserved providentially (1 Peter 1:25).

Praise be to God for lovingly fashioning man with an intellect for comprehending the Lord's will. Consequently, by attending to words, grammar, train of thought and context with good and honest hearts, we can recognize where God's Word applies to us, our beliefs and our practices. One of the most important context questions is to note under which covenant a teaching is given. We live under the authority of the New Covenant of Christ or the New Testament. The Old Testament is important for us to study and

know. It actually helps us to understand the New Covenant under Christ's authority.

As all parents do, God teaches us along three general avenues: direct command or teaching, approved example, and necessary inference. While these designations are general groupings and can be greatly expanded, they all point to common ways parents guide their children.

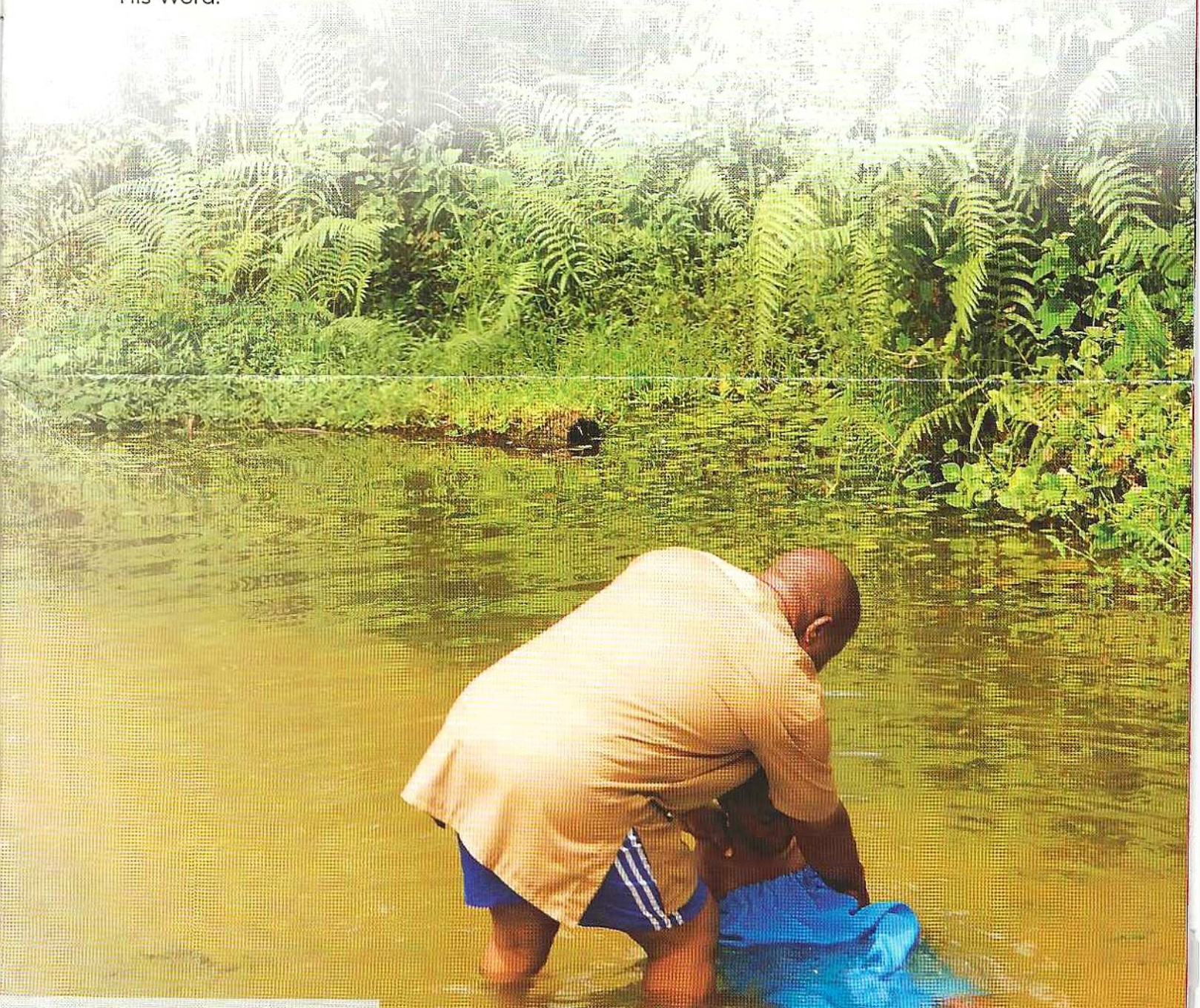
Direct command or teaching is where the Word of God explicitly obligates us to believe or obey some aspect of the will of God. For teachings that apply to Christians today, we will one day be held accountable to God. Knowing this helps us to grow to the best of our ability. But God never compels us against our will. He wants us to will to do His will ... of our own free choice (John 7:17).

Approved example is where the Word of God - again like any loving parent - shows us how to be pleasing to God in our obedience. For Christians, the apostles give us many approved examples of how to live out our Christianity according to Jesus' standards (Philippians 3:17). Acts 20:7a is an approved example: "Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread." It establishes when and how often Christians assemble to take the Lord's Supper together. Rather than ourselves making up a practice, we have an approved example to follow as Christians. One we know is pleasing to God.

Necessary inference is a teaching form that parents use when their children are maturing to the point of being able to exercise their "reason." At some point, a parent wants a child to be able to use their "reason" to understand "necessary things." Not all inferences are necessary. But when God shares teachings with us that result in a necessary ramification, we should learn from that ramification. For instance, Acts 8:35ff is a divine

implication (necessary inference): When Philip “preached Jesus” (see Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:37, 38; and 8:12), we conclude he must have addressed the urgent necessity of water immersion because the eunuch conscientiously and quickly voiced his desire for it. Learning to “reason” with spiritual wisdom is an exciting part of our growth as God’s children (Hebrews 5:14).

For all eternity!—that’s how long our heavenly Father wishes us to dwell with Him. Take that to heart. Let it sink in. God is perfect, and His nature is holy. Unlike earthly fathers, He never issues unrealistic expectations, delivers instructions haphazardly, or flips a coin to determine accountability. To the extent we appreciate God’s love at the cross of Christ, we should equally be enamored by God’s love through His divine communication. He who gave His only begotten Son deserves our total confidence in His Word.



Brother Uyai, long-time WBS Student recruiter & Follow-up volunteer in Nigeria, baptizes his daughter into Christ.

# REACHING HEARTS IN THE U.S. AND BEYOND



BY TUCSON D. REDD | MINISTER

In mid-2020 during the beginning of Covid, many churches across the U.S. had either suspended some or all of their in-person worship services and Bible classes due to the pandemic. This left many people without the ability to participate in weekly structured Bible study.

This also created a unique opportunity for Heartland church of Christ to form the "Berean Outreach Bible Class," a weekly online Bible study with a two-fold purpose of offering church members the opportunity to participate in Bible study from home as well as evangelizing those interested parties who had not been taught the "Good News" of Jesus.

The initial Bible class in March of 2020 started with two students but with support of the Mathetis online Bible courses, we were quickly able to reach both intended audiences.

Mathetis has been very instrumental and effective in meeting our intended objectives of encouraging church

members and teaching the Gospel to non-church members, nationally and internationally.

Over the past five years, Berean Outreach Bible Class grew from the initial two participants to currently 25-45 weekly participants.

We have had the opportunity to teach participants in 44 of the 50 states in the U.S. as well as Jamaica and Canada.

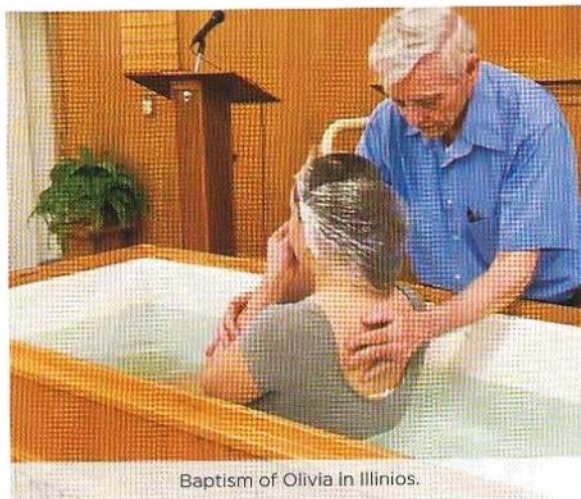
The Lord has blessed us with multiple baptisms from New York, Texas, Arizona, Illinois, Oklahoma, and Florida.

Scan the QR code to the left to see videos of recent baptisms from Illinois (Olivia) in November 2025 and (Tina) from Texas in January 2026. Reference images below.

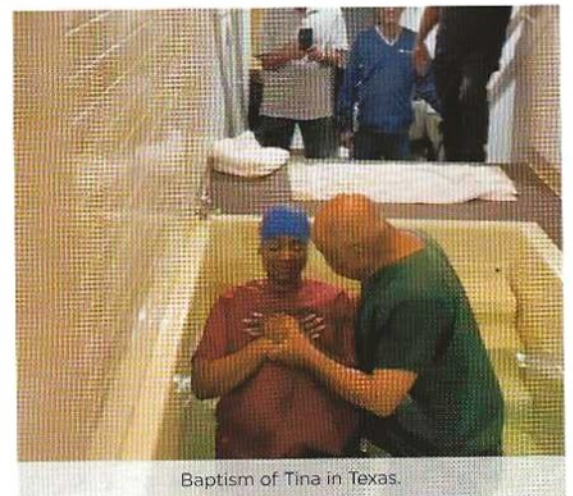
I would like to express our appreciation and continued support from World Bible School for our introduction to the Mathetis Bible courses.



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Baptism of Olivia in Illinois.



Baptism of Tina in Texas.

# PORTUGUESE *Success Story*



BY TIM BRUMFIELD | PORTUGAL

## ENCOUNTER OF MOZAMBIQUE CHRISTIAN WORKERS

Luizinho and I were asked to help bring together the churches of Christ in Mozambique, as I have been working on a project with Joaquim Martins to unite the churches there. God has brought about exciting results! On October 10-12, we helped Joaquim and many others bring about this event. God brought in 800 on Friday, 890 on Saturday and over 1000 on Sunday. The theme was "Only ONE from Ephesians 4:1-6."

Using both the WBS "Master Series" and the WBS "Portuguese Series" Let the Bible Speak, Daniel Amaro, the WBS Service Center Coordinator in Brazil, assisted me in the recruitment of Portuguese-speaking Students, Online Study Helpers, and live online Bible Study opportunities for the Portugese-speaking world. From the very modern cities of Brazil to the very remote locations in Angola and Mozambique, God is using Daniel and me in reconciling the lost and renewing the church!



In November 2025, two souls in Guava and five souls in Maputo, Mozambique were saved and recieved forgiveness of their sins. God is so good!



From Geraldo Sardinha: It is with great joy I share this photo of the baptism of Anastasia, one of my WBS Students. Rejoice with me with this saved soul.



Daniel Amaro, Service Center Coordinator for Brazil.

# ALABAMA CONGREGATION *Sends Inspiring Report*



BY STEVE GOBER | MEMBER, DECATUR CHURCH OF CHRIST

As we all rejoice and give God the praise for a successful 2025, I would like to share more praiseworthy information. As should always be the case, WBS is about brining souls to Christ. Below are some statistics from our end-of-year report submitted to the Decatur eldership.

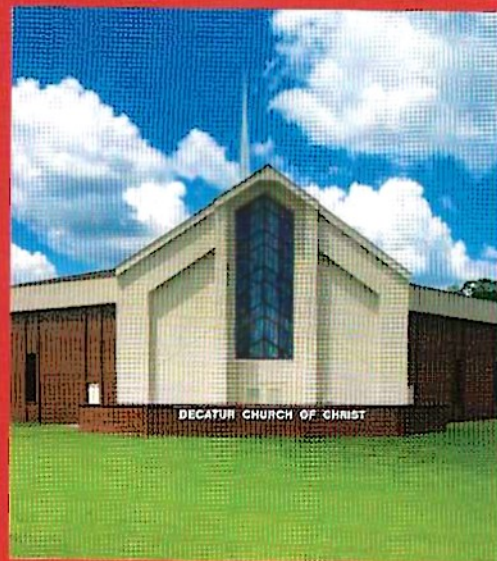
God is good and worthy of our praise!

## ≡ *Decatur WBS Activity 2025*

**OVER 2,300** LESSONS GRADED

**1,793** BAPTISMS

**19** NEW CONGREGATIONS STARTED



# THE BIBLE'S NATURE IN

## *Divine Communication*



BY DANIEL GAINES | WBS OCEAN BRIDGE ENVOY

There are moments in life when we are desperate for God to speak. We don't always say it out loud, but the cry is there. A mother sits beside her child's hospital bed before a major surgery, holding a small hand and wondering what the next few hours will bring. A missionary listens to a new widow in an African slum and searches for words of comfort. A preacher looks out into the eyes of his congregation on a Sunday morning and feels the weight of knowing that human wisdom is not enough. In moments like these, the unspoken cry is, "Lord, please speak."

But He has!

God has spoken in ways that a child can memorize, and a theologian can spend a lifetime trying to fully grasp. He has spoken through a book, or more accurately, through a collection of books. However, the Bible is not some random archive or anthology of man's spiritual musings. It is God's own complete revelation of His will to man.

Every verse is true, but no single verse stands alone like a lighthouse on some isolated rock. Rather, each one must be understood in harmony with the whole. If we want to hear the voice of the living God, we must listen to the whole symphony, not merely a single note. That symphony, composed by God, was played out by his chosen instruments, inspired men living in the real world and rooted in real cultures. The languages of this revelation, Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek, were not celestial tongues unknown to mankind. They were the everyday speech of farmers, merchants, soldiers and scribes. Much like Jesus took on flesh and walked dusty roads, so God's message clothed itself in the expressions, idioms, and writing styles of ancient peoples. Divine truth steeped into human language.

This does not weaken the Bible's authority; it deepens it. God could have given us a book so transcendent that no mortal could grasp it. Instead, He gave us a revelation that can be translated into hundreds of languages and understood by men and women in every corner of the world.

Yet because Scripture came through revelations stretched out over centuries, God did not give us a single tidy volume laid out in topical or chronological sequence.

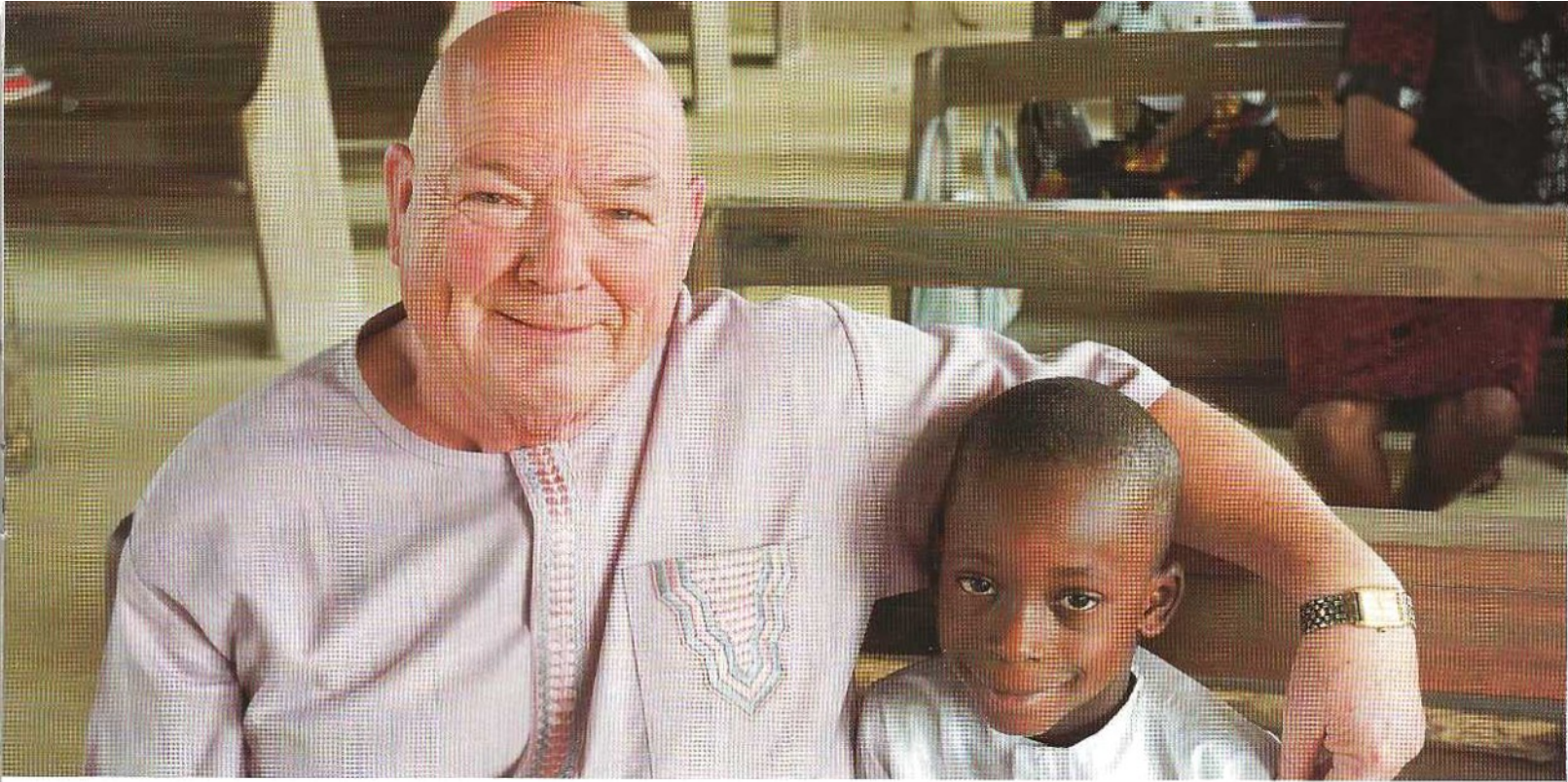
He gave us a library, sixty-six books, to be exact. Genesis reads nothing like the Gospel of John, and the thunderous tone of Isaiah bears little resemblance to the pastoral warmth of Philippians. God's messages came in stories and songs, laws and letters, prayers and parables, warnings and promises.

Each book must be studied and understood according to its genre of literature, whether that be history, law, prophecy, wisdom literature, poetry, narrative, parable, apocalypse or epistle. A proverb must be heard differently from a prophecy. A lament psalm must be interpreted in a different light than a legal statute. A parable is not a scientific diagram. An apocalyptic vision is not a newspaper article. God invites His people not simply to read, but to study.

He wants us to linger over the words, and to wrestle with them. Such is the intention behind the biblical concept of meditation. Scriptures should be savored slowly like a hard candy, not munched thoughtlessly like a handful of popcorn. As we study, we can marvel at the harmony across pages that span centuries.

*The Bible's communication is not intended to be detached from relationship and relationship requires time, listening and growth.*

The lazy technique of plucking a single verse out of its home and pressing it into service for our own preferences is not the path of true understanding and can so easily lead us astray. Every verse is true; every verse is authoritative; but no verse is complete



in isolation. The good Bible student must give Scripture a patient, disciplined hearing: book beside book, covenant beside covenant, prophesy beside fulfillment. We should receive the Scripture as God passed it down to us, rich, layered and remarkably unified.

Some people stumble over the Bible's complexity. Why not a simple manual? Why not a comprehensive reference manual with a handy FAQ section? Why a sprawling library gathered across centuries? While that might sound appealing, it misunderstands how God chooses to communicate. He does not just give us information alone. He gives us Himself. The Bible's communication is not intended to be detached from relationship. And relationship requires time, listening and growth. A manual can be skimmed; the Bible must be lived.



*You sharing Jesus.*

To handle Scripture carelessly is to treat God's voice lightly. To handle it rightly is to open ourselves to transformation. When Paul stated in 2 Timothy 3:16 that "all Scripture is inspired by God and profitable," he was declaring that every page, every genealogy, every oracle, every prayer, every thought, was breathed by God and

shapes His people for His purposes.

The Bible is not merely ancient histories. It is divine communication relevant to you and me. Its truths are not locked in the past. They are alive, wandering into our daily activities, challenging our assumptions, comforting our griefs, and calling us to holiness. When we study Scripture with its languages, its genres, and its contexts, we are not performing academic exercises. We are learning to hear our Father's voice more clearly.

Yes, God has spoken. His revelation is complete; His message is trustworthy; His voice is steady across every page. And when we open the Bible, we step into the long conversation between God and His people. It is a conversation that still changes lives, still shapes His church, and still speaks with divine authority. So let us come to the Scriptures with reverence and expectation. Let us handle its library

with care. Let us study, wrestle, pray, and rejoice in its pages. For in the Bible, God speaks to you.



# MATHETIS UPDATE

BY WILLIAM BUSH

WBS CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

How do you reach out to someone who has fallen away? What a challenging question. Even more challenging: How do you craft a tool Christians can use to reach those who have fallen away? These are the very questions many of you have asked World Bible School. Many donors, including many young people, have given to WBS to help us research and craft a Mathetis course to reach out to our former brothers and sisters who have wandered from the faith.

In our initial research, we examined several

examples of faithful servants whom God used to restore His people back to Him. Many of these servants, we commonly refer to as prophets. God used the prophet Nathan to confront King David after he committed adultery and murder by telling the story about a poor man and his lamb (2 Samuel 12). God used Hosea to vividly illustrate Israel's unfaithfulness by calling him to marry a prostitute. God used the story of Jonah and the big fish to teach Israel the depths of His compassion and forgiveness, even when they initially choose to run away from Him. God sent strange dreams and visions to prophets like Isaiah, Ezekiel and Zechariah to wake up Israel and call them to return to Him. Even the greatest prophet, Jesus, used parables to call Israel to repent in preparation for the kingdom of heaven.

God has used stories throughout time to teach

deep spiritual truths not only to His people, but also to those whom He was seeking to call back into a right relationship with Him. The entire Bible is filled with stories, designed to help teach us how to live. As we read these stories, we see not only how the characters respond, but also

how God chooses to work in their lives. Stories have a unique way of provoking intrigue and curiosity. And often times, they can be an effective tool to teach deep spiritual truths into the hearts of people calloused by sin.

We are seeking to take a similar approach in our upcoming Mathetis Original course.

Rather than using narrative videos like we have done in past series, we have chosen to create a cinematic mini video series. Through story, we are seeking to illustrate how God calls for us to live out our faith, and the way He works in our lives along the way. In addition to the cinematic videos, each lesson will include "Digging Deeper" articles and discussion questions to further explore the lesson's topics.

Our cinematic video series depicts the journey of a young man named Jason who is wrestling with anger toward God and the church, and the guilt from his past. Scan the QR code to watch the trailer.

We have titled the new Mathetis



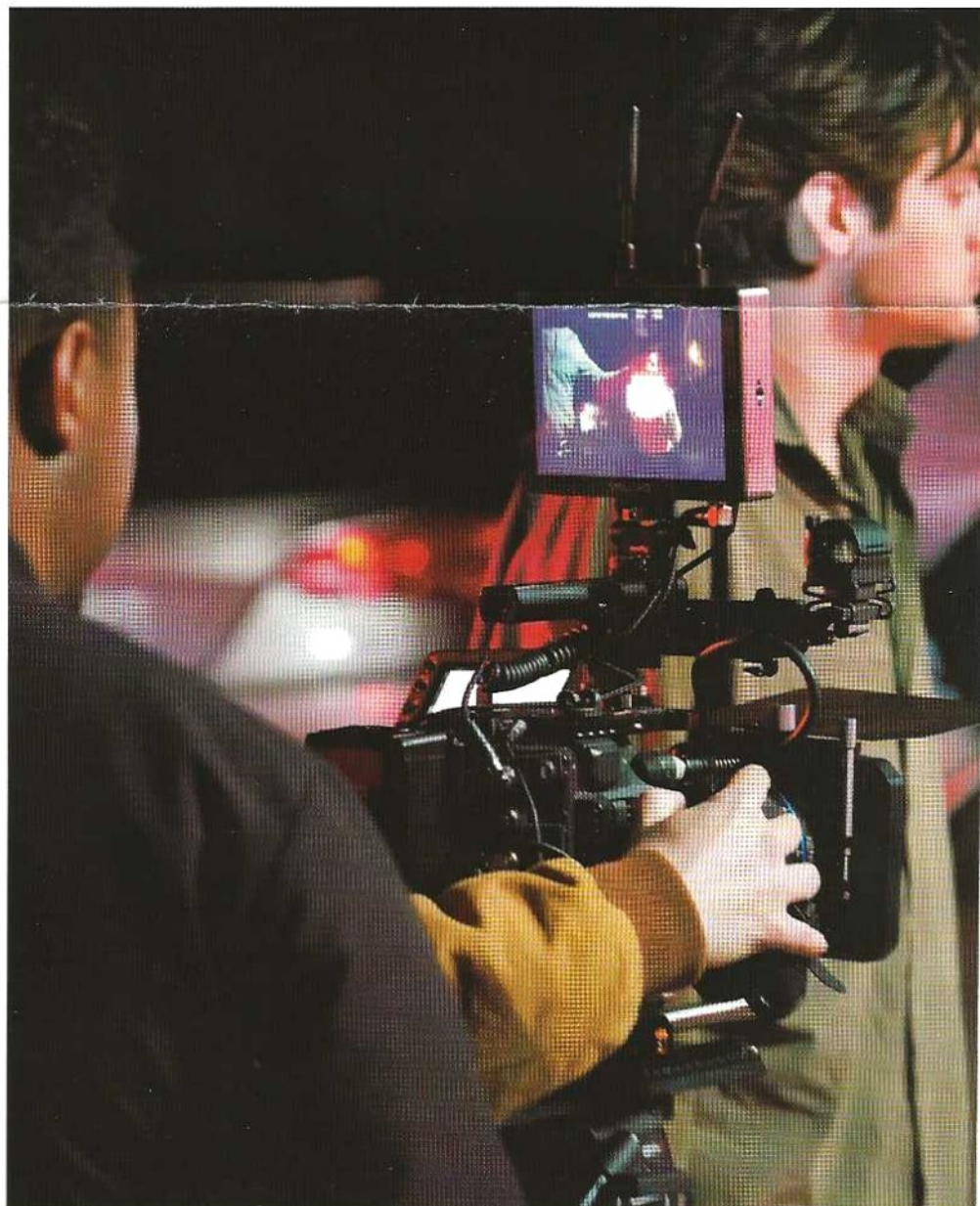
Original course, **"Questioning Jesus"**. Check out the lesson topics below:

- If God Loves Me, Why Am I Suffering?
- Does Jesus Really Want a Relationship with Me?
- Why Doesn't God Want Me to Be Happy?
- Why Is the Church Full of Hypocrites?
- Why Should I Love the Church?
- Do All Christians Have to Agree?
- Is God Really First In My Life?
- Is My Faith at Work?
- Do I Love People Different From Me?
- Do I Love my Enemies Like Jesus Does?

At the end of the year, we wrapped up video production. We are now in the process of editing the videos, writing the discussion questions and "Digging Deeper" articles and laying out the "Reaching Series" Bible class curriculum. The "Reaching Series" curriculum will be a guide to help Christians reach out to those who have fallen away. We are targeting the full launch by this Summer. Please be praying for us as we complete this project.



Stay up-to-date on the latest news by signing up for **ACTION! digital** at [worldbibleschool.net/action](http://worldbibleschool.net/action) (or by scanning this code).





# THE NATURE OF THE READER IN

## *Divine Communication*

BY NOAH DAVIS AND BRYSON DAVIS

FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTER

WBS SUPPORT REPRESENTATIVE

CENTRAL CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST, PADUCAH, KY

In contrast to the perfection and infallibility of God's Word is the nature of the reader in the divine communication process. Mankind brings along baggage of all kinds when approaching Scripture. We possess varying worldviews, perspectives, experiences, and biases that can all shape the way we read and understand the words of God. While this is neither inherently positive nor negative, we must be aware of and discern the parts of our nature that impact our understanding of God's communication with us.

Every reader of God's Word comes to the table with different assumptions and beliefs about

the nature of truth. For some, truth is based on lived experience and therefore relative to the individual. For others, truth is based on the customs and traditions of their ancestors. In some parts of the world, scientific discovery provides the foundation for truth. In other parts, truth is derived from spiritual connection, whether that be with a deity or other spiritual forces. This creates issues for the reader as they try to understand God's Word through the lens of their earthly culture.

All earthly cultures possess the fingerprints of God, but they are also contaminated by sin. This environment profoundly shapes the





way we view life, reality and truth. Some of our perspectives are holy and Christ-like. Other parts of our worldview are neutral. Sometimes our lives are missing key components of godliness. There are still other aspects of our values and worldviews that have been corrupted to appear godly but are evil in nature. Worst of all are the beliefs and values our culture can instill in us that are completely opposed to God. When we approach God's Word from this conflicting and chaotic perspective, it is like trying to see a painting through dirty, broken glasses. We will be able to understand parts of what God is communicating, but other parts will be unclear, which can lead to confusion, misinterpretation and frustration. Many are left doubting God and wondering if truth can ever be known.

God is aware of this common human struggle in understanding who He is and what truth is. This is why in Romans 12:2, God tells us not to be conformed to the world but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. God knows that our earthly cultures distort our understanding of truth, and so He calls each of us out of those cultures into a new culture of transformation. In this new culture, in this culture of God, we can discern the will of God and the truth of God. This is why God calls us to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:18).

This invitation to a new culture is open to every reader of God's Word. Although we are all born into distinct earthly cultures, God, in His love and grace, calls each of us to the culture of His kingdom. Since the beginning, God has spoken to people, inviting them to share in His culture so that they could better know truth, know Him, and follow Him.

In Genesis 12:1-4, God invites Abram to leave his home, his culture, and everything he knows to follow a new way of life- God's way of life. In Exodus 3:10, Moses is called by God to oppose the very culture in which he grew up, to lead God's people. In Matthew 4:18-22, Jesus invites some fishermen to leave everything they know to become His apostles. In Acts 9:1-18, Paul is called out of his Jewish culture to

become a missionary proclaiming the truth of God's kingdom.

Abram began to understand and follow God when he accepted the call to God's culture. Moses began to lead the Israelites back to God and His truth once he led them out of the Egyptian culture and into God's culture. Once they embraced the culture of God, the apostles began to learn from Jesus the truth about reality, God's kingdom, and His mission.

Paul's understanding of God and His will was dramatically changed after he accepted God's call to enter into the culture of God's kingdom. In the

same way, we will begin to understand God, His truth, and His divine communication when we approach it from God's culture. When we set aside the baggage and assumptions of our earthly cultures and embrace the culture of God's kingdom, we will better understand the truth that God created the heavens and the earth. We will better understand the truth that God created us all, male and female, in His image. We will better



understand that God loves us so much that He has communicated with us since the very beginning and wants us to know Him and understand His words. We will begin to understand that Jesus is "the way, and the truth, and the life," (John 14:6) and that the unchangeable standard of truth is God and His Word. We will begin to understand that we have all been called out of the darkness of our earthly cultures and into the light of God's culture so that we can be a chosen, royal, and holy people (1 Peter 2:9-10) who know God, know His truth, and belong to Him.

The perfection of God's divine communication with us is awe-inspiring. While our human limitations and cultures may threaten our understanding of that communication, God has provided a way for each of us to know Him, to know His truth, and to understand His words. If we accept God's invitation and read His Word through the lens of His culture, we will begin to view truth, the world and reality the way God always intended us to.



# LIBRARY



Veteran missionaries, Fielden and Janet Allison, bring unique qualities to World Bible School's newest course, "Building a Christian Marriage & Family." Their wealth of experience in marriage and family, including teaching, counseling, and publishing—culminates in this course especially written for WBS.

This course's initial publication is on the WBS Library. Its thirteen lessons are ideal for classes, group and individual learners.

This study will benefit not only you, but also your marriage, your group, and your students through this unique resource into which the Allisons have poured their life and love."

Check it out now at [wbslibrary.org](http://wbslibrary.org).



# ACTION! Podcast

Check it out now at [worldbibleschool.net/actionpodcasts](http://worldbibleschool.net/actionpodcasts)



A weekly podcast, **One More Chapter**, explores the wisdom of ancient texts for equipping listeners for today's challenges. Wisdom from great authors and from spiritual sources, including the Bible, are examined.

In season 1, we explored the wisdom of ancient texts, establishing why the Bible is very useful in equipping us for challenges we face today. We looked at several passages from the Bible, comparing God's wisdom with those of men, concluding that God's wisdom is not only superior to man's but complete and without error.

In the upcoming season 2, we'll explore guidelines and principles to help in your study of God's Word so that you can not only better prepare yourself for today's challenges, but you'll grow in your relationship with God. This

season, we'll have a roundtable discussion involving Brian Rex Davis and his two sons, Noah and Bryson as they explore making your faith your own and growing your relationship with God through effective study of His Word.

If you haven't finished season 1, now would be a good time to catch up!





# OCEAN BRIDGE

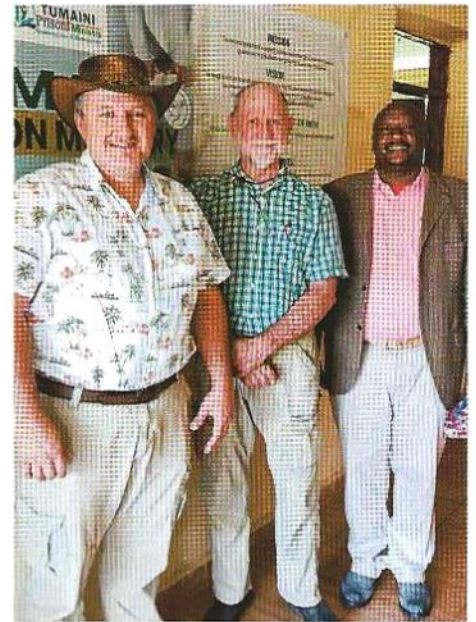
Enabling Bible Study in different circumstances!

Daniel Gaines and Phil Palmer visit with Eric Chepkwani to help coordinate Ocean Bridge Student recruitment, course scanning and Follow-up for Students within the Tumaini Prison Ministry in Kenya.

Eric Chepkwani writes, "Praise God! Yesterday we baptized 36 men who are in-person remand at Bomet GK prison. This brings us to a total of 548 baptisms in 2025. Let us pray for their spiritual growth. In addition, World Bible School shipped 1,000 Bibles from the Eastleigh WBS office in Nairobi to our office. We are deeply thankful for this timely and generous donation, which will greatly support our prison graduations by ensuring that graduates receive Bibles without delay, making the ceremonies smooth, well organized, and seamless."

Phil retired at the end of 2025. Daniel will be serving as the new WBS international representative for East Africa and will also serve as the new Ocean Bridge Envoy, working alongside all of our Ocean Bridge Service Centers.

We thank God for Phil and Elaine Palmer; and we thank God for sending the next generation into the field!



Daniel Gaines, Phil Palmer and Eric Chepkwani



## NIGERIA *Update*

Follow-up for the month of November

As we rejoice and give God praise for a successful 2025, we would like to share an encouraging update from Nigeria through the work of Akpakpan and Uyai Joshua. As always, WBS remains focused on bringing souls to Christ. Below are statistics from their report.

God is good and worthy of all our praise!

### ≡ BAPTISMS 2025

**48** BAPTISMS IN NOVEMBER 2025

**21** BAPTISMS IN NOVEMBER 2025



Akpakpan

# NEW FACES



**KELSEY TAYLOR** | DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS & COMPTROLLER

Each time we are blessed with the opportunity to add new members to the staff at World Bible School, we love to share the news. In this issue we are excited to introduce two additions who have joined us in recent months.



**BRYSON DAVIS** started as a Support Associate in the Support Department in June, and he has been a great addition to the team. Bryson's connection to WBS goes back further than June, however, as he has participated as a WBS intern and in various overseas campaigns for years. We are thrilled to now add him to World Bible School in a more permanent capacity. He grew up in Africa, attended high school in Texas, and now lives in Tennessee after graduating from Freed-Hardeman University with a Bible degree.

Bryson states "I have been involved with WBS in one way or another for a very long time, so when an opportunity arose to work full time, I was extremely excited! I believe greatly in the mission of World Bible School, and I'm honored to be a part of it. Mission work is near to my heart, so I am very thankful to be able to work with a group of people who feel the same way!"

The most recent addition to our team is **BETHANY OWENS**, a Graphic Designer who graduated from Georgia State University with a degree in Cinematography. Having grown up in Georgia, Bethany moved to Texas in 2022. She joins our Marketing department with experience in brand campaigns, video editing and production, and social media management. We are eagerly looking forward to the many ways she will contribute to the spread mission of WBS through digital and print communications.

"I'm passionate about bringing ideas to life through creativity and thoughtful design," Bethany shares. "I love drawing inspiration from the people around me and from within blending imagination with purpose. It's a joy to work alongside a team of fellow Christians who uplift and inspire me daily with their kindness, compassion and shared dedication to Christ."



# WELCOME TO 2026 — A YEAR OF HOPE, GROWTH AND KINGDOM IMPACT



**BY GEORGE A. BARLOW, JR. | WBS CHIEF ADVANCEMENT & CHURCH RELATIONS OFFICER**

As we welcome a new year, we want to begin by welcoming you, our faithful partners into 2026 with hearts full of gratitude and hope. Looking back on 2025, we were truly blessed beyond measure by your commitment to reaching those who are seeking to learn more about Jesus the Christ.

Whether you became a Study Helper this past year or you have served faithfully in that role for many years, thank you. Your diligence, compassion, and willingness to walk alongside Students across the world is making an eternal difference. Each lesson graded, each encouraging note written, and each prayer lifted on behalf of a Student is a seed planted for the kingdom. Many of those seeds are now bearing fruit as Students come to faith, obedience and new life in Christ.

We are also deeply thankful for our committed donors. Without your generosity and faithful support, it would be difficult to continue this ministry that is reaching millions around the globe. God is using your gifts to open doors in places we could never reach on our own. Because of you, Students are learning about Jesus, asking heartfelt and honest questions, and responding to the Gospel message, including asking that most beautiful question: "What must I do to be saved?" And praise our heavenly Father, many are coming to Christ and being baptized into His precious name because of your partnership.

As God continues to bless you with generosity, you are blessing others with the opportunity to hear the Good News. You truly are Soldiers of Christ, advancing His kingdom one life at a time.

Looking ahead, we are filled with anticipation for a bountiful 2026 — a year of more Students, more conversations, more transformation, and more lives changed for eternity.

We are continuing our 50 Forward Campaign, and if you are not currently participating, we prayerfully ask you to consider becoming a monthly partner at one of these levels: \$5, \$50, or \$500 per month. Every gift, no matter the size, plays a vital role in sustaining and expanding this work.

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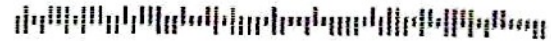


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